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SUBJECT: REDESIGNATION OF POSITION 553 AS LANGUAGE ESSENTIAL

REF: (A) DEPARTMENT'S OM OF NOV. 11, 1974
(B) MANILA'S OM OF OCTOBER 29, 1974

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS REDESIGNATION POSITION 553 IN POLITICAL SECTION AS LANGUAGE ESSENTIAL IN TAGALOG (FILIPINO) AT S-2/R-2 LEVEL. REASONING BEHIND THIS REQUEST FULLY SET FORTH IN REF B BUT, IN SHORT, EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY THAT AT LEAST ONE OFFICER IN POLITICAL SECTION NEEDS MINIMAL CAPABILITY IN NATIONAL LANGUAGE OF PHILIPPINES.

2. POST AGREES WITH ARGUMENT SET FORTH IN REF A THAT FUTURE ASSIGNEES TO POSITION 553 WOULD BEST BE TRAINED AT FSI BEFORE PROCEEDING TO POST. HOWEVER, IN CASE OF PRESENT INCUMBENT (SSF GSE KNOWLEDGE OF INDDPEAN WILL FACILITATE TAGALOG TRAINING) STRONGLY URGE THAT 200 HOURS TRAINING BE AUTHORIZED AT POST AT ESTIMATED COST \$320. (FOR DETAILS SEE REF A). EXPERIENCE WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH TRAINING SHOULD MEET CURRENT NEED. (IN-COUNTRY TRAINING IS ALSO CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED TO U.S. EXCHANGE STUDENT TO PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY.) PC TRAINING ACTIVITIES HAVE CREATED POOL OF TRAINED TEACHERS AND LANGUAGE MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED FOR PRESENT INCUMBENT.

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3. EMBASSY RESERVES RIGHT TO CHANGE LANGUAGE DESIGNATION

OF POSITION 553 TO ANOTHER SLOT IN POLITICAL SECTION TOWARD
END OF INCUMBENT'S TOUR IF THIS NEEDED TO ALLOW ANOTHER
OFFICER TO BE TRAINED IN WASHINGTON BEFORE PROCEEDING TO
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